

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of

AOKI et al.

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**For: OPTICAL TRANSMITTER, OPTICAL RECEIVER,
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF OPTICAL
DEVICE**



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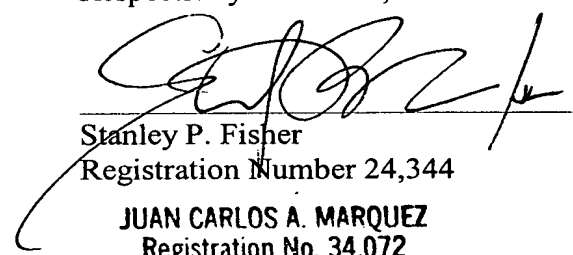
**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of December 10, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-375318

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-375318 will be submitted as soon as received from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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